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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan  
June- July 2007 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from June 21, through July 20, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

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Attachment

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**Progress Report No. 11**  
**June 21, 2007, Through July 20, 2007**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- On June 21, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA and the MDEQ, a multi-area Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for all work to be performed by Weyerhaeuser at the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. The initial focus of the multi-area QAPP was on the emergency response activities related to removing residuals in the former powerhouse channel, which is part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill operable unit (O.U. #4). The multi-area QAPP may be amended to incorporate activities related to the emergency response activities in certain sections of the river bank along the former Plainwell Mill property.
- On June 25, representatives from the U.S. EPA, the MDEQ, the City, and Weyerhaeuser met via conference call, to discuss potential emergency response activities in sections of the river bank along the Plainwell Mill, and to update the agencies on the status of redevelopment planning activities for the former mill property.
- On June 27, Weyerhaeuser received preliminary comments from the U.S. EPA on the Draft QAPP for the Plainwell Mill (RMT, Inc., September 2006). Weyerhaeuser began reviewing the comments for potential issues that may affect the multi-area QAPP that was submitted to the U.S. EPA on June 21. The June 27 letter did not contain comments on the Draft RI/FS Work Plan or the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Plainwell Mill. U.S. EPA acknowledge in the letter that issuance of these comments did not trigger a deadline for a response as laid out in the approved SOW.
- Weyerhaeuser and the U.S. EPA exchanged correspondence in connection with the emergency response actions for sections of the river bank along the former Plainwell Mill property. In a letter dated June 29, the U.S. EPA authorized Weyerhaeuser to conduct emergency response actions pursuant to Paragraph 67 of the *Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site*. The scope of the emergency response activities and data quality objectives are being developed.
- On June 28 and 29, JJR facilitated a 2-day workshop for the City's Mill Steering Committee in which the City developed a "Concept Plan" for redevelopment of the former mill property. On July 18, JJR and City representatives presented the plan to Weyerhaeuser representatives via a conference call. Weyerhaeuser is reviewing the conceptual plan and will be following up with the City on the proposed concepts.

2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No data were collected.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):
  - No RI/FS activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.
4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:
  - None.
5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:
  - None.
6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:
  - Weyerhaeuser will continue to review the U.S. EPA's preliminary comments on the Draft QAPP for the Plainwell Mill for potential issues that may affect the multi-area QAPP for all work to be performed by Weyerhaeuser at the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, especially those activities that will be conducted as emergency response actions.
  - Weyerhaeuser will continue its review the conceptual plan and will be following up with the City on the proposed concepts.
7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:
  - None.
8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:
  - None are needed.
9. Other Relevant Information:
  - None.